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A former Green Beret found guilty of misdemeanor charges in shooting a Libyan dissident two years ago is asking his former attorney to resist having to testify about the case before a grand jury.

Walter L. Gerash, who represented Eugene A. Tafoya in his trial last year, has been subpoenaed to testify before the Denver federal grand jury Oct. 27.

The jury is investigating Tafoya's alleged connection with former CIA agent Edwin P. Wilson, an associate of Libyan strongman Moammar Khadafy. Wilson, arrested last summer, is charged with arming Libyan terrorists.

Tafoya, 48, now living in El Paso, was found innocent in Fort Collins of attempted first-degree murder in the October, 1980 shooting of Libyan dissident Faisal Zagallai. Tafoya, formerly of Truth or Consequences, N.M., was found guilty of a misdemeanor assault charge and conspiracy.

Sentenced to 30 months in prison, Tafoya is free during his appeal of the conviction.

Tafoya's attorney now, assistant federal public defender John M. Richilano, said Wednesday he has written Gerash saying Tafoya wants the lawyer to invoke the attorney-client privilege in resisting the subpoena.

Gerash was told to bring to the jury his records showing how much he was paid to represent Tafoya and from where the money came. The grand jury reportedly wants to see if the records show any financial connection between Tafoya and Wilson.